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**Subject:** Re: Wild Alaskan - Hazardous Materials Survey Report

Hi Mike,

The requirements will depend on the details of the blast plan. We would estimate the area to be ensonified to threshold levels that might harm marine mammals by the blast and would then require that independent observers ensure that the area is clear of marine mammals before the detonation could take place. It's a little tricky in a place like Kodiak in the spring where there is such an abundance of marine mammals. Monitoring would likely need to be done from a fixed wing aircraft to get the proper vantage. Our preference would be for a non-explosive option. Or potentially you could get the USCG to do a live-fire exercise? I'm happy to discuss options.

Julie

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On Wed, Apr 7, 2021 at 10:44 AM Sarnowski, Michael <[msarnowski@city.kodiak.ak.us](mailto:msarnowski@city.kodiak.ak.us)> wrote:

Bridgette,

Thank you. I thought the CG was leaning toward us using it to ensure the vessel went down. We can always re-adjust if you don't want us to use explosives.

Julie,

Would you be able to send me your requirements for marine mammal observation?

Thanks again for all your help,

v/r,

Mike

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**Subject:** RE: Wild Alaskan - Hazardous Materials Survey Report

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Hello Michael,

Thank you for reconnecting with this group and providing an update on the City's plan with the Wild Alaskan. I believe we left our discussions at the end of September with the intention to not use explosives to sink this vessel, albeit the City had made a quick mention of this possibility with more follow-up to occur with the USCG and EPA once a plan had been flushed out. It now appears that explosives are included as part of the proposed plan. As you are likely aware, EPA has been working with NMFS and Resolve-Magone on another vessel, Pacific Knight out of Dutch Harbor, that is also proposing to use explosives.

It may be most helpful to have a call to discuss the proposal and what may be needed with regards to marine mammal observations to ensure that injury of marine mammals, whether ESA-listed or only covered under the MMPA, is addressed. Julie has been engaged in our discussions on the Pacific Knight.

(b) (6) – I look forward to hearing from you after your inspection on April 16<sup>th</sup>. For EPA's records, please take photos to support the determination that the vessel has been cleaned.

I'd be happy to set-up a conference call for the City, EPA, NMFS, and the USCG, and anyone else who would like to participate. Just let me know how you would like to proceed.

-Bridgette

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All,

Sorry for sending out another email. We are getting close to our inspection and I just want to make sure all our I's are dotted and T's are crossed. I've attached our disposal plan which all of you helped greatly in getting it together. It includes the updated disposal location and our plan for including bird observation along with marine mammal observation. I really appreciate all your help in getting the City of Kodiak through this venture. Please let me know if you have any questions.

On a side note, I have received many calls from local fishermen recently about the disposal location. They greatly appreciate us putting it way out there. They say nothing is out that way and are happy it will not interfere with any of their fisheries. Great call all!

v/r,

Mike

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All,

Now that the weather is getting better I'd like to discuss the scuttling of the Wild Alaskan. We have made some great progress this winter and we think we will be ready at the end of April to get a weather window. We are trying to get a preliminary inspection at the end of next week with hopes of disposal at the end of the month if all goes well. We are planning on contracting Resolve Marine to tow the vessel and use their approved demolition expert.

Thanks again for all your support. Standing by if anyone has any questions/request info.

v/r,

Mike

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Hello – Please see the attached Hazardous Materials Survey of the Wild Alaskan by the City of Kodiak. The City asked me to distribute the report to the wider group in advance of our discussion this afternoon.

Mike – I look forward to you walking us through this report and continuing to discuss next steps for the Wild Alaskan.

-Bridgette

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